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Re: Applications for Consent to Transfer Control of Filed by Verizon Communications, Inc., and MCI, Inc., WC Docket No. 05-75

The Ohio Conference of the NAACP strongly recommends the acquisition of MCI Communications by Verizon. We have been serviced by Verizon in forms of Communication, wireless services via cell phone, broadband and ISP services as well to help our Technology center to bridge the Digital Divide.

While it is clear that MCI has services including a full range of value added internet services, private networking, ATM and business global data services, along with the business services that Verizon provides including its DSL customers, fiber miles and strong business presence the merge would prove to be invaluable to our economy.

This acquisition would service as a positive telecommunications option as Verizon would be able to better service as one company with expanded service at a lower cost to the consumer.

The Ohio Conference NAACP represents over 66 units in local, youth and college units. The Ohio Conference NAACP has used Verizon services in the technological area and looks forward to continued interaction as the acquisition is complete.

If additional information is required please contact us at (614)221-5187.

The Struggle Continues......

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Sybil Edwards-McNabb, President Ohio Conference NAACP

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